DISCUSSION ON DEMANDS FOR GRANTS.

President: Order, order. I wish to inform honourable members of the House that the Government will be sending the Inspector General of Police on some urgent business to-morrow morning. If the honourable members have no objection, the Police Grant may be taken up first after lunch. Have the honourable members any objection to it?

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai: We have no objection, Sir.

President: That means, the Police Grant will probably be taken up after the Grants relating to Education and University.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): Sir, last day I was saying that Vancheesamangalam is not at all sung in some of the English High Schools and that it is not sung to the correct tune in many of the other schools. In so far as instructions have been issued by the Department that the singing of Vancheesamangalam is compulsory in all the schools, whether departmental or private, disciplinary action should be taken against such of the schools as have not cared to give attention to it. In the case of schools where Vancheesamangalam is not sung to the correct tune, I would suggest that some gramophone records may be purchased by Government and distributed through the Assistant Inspectors, so that they may be able to see that Vancheesamangalam is sung correctly.

Mr. Kottoor Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know from the honourable member whether gramophone plates by themselves can sing?

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: Gramophone machines are a little costly and the headmasters of schools may be able to get gramophone machines for use but not these records.

The next matter about which I wish to speak is the prescription of text-books. It has to be said with very great regret that books are being prescribed very late in the year, and that as a result, for a long time after the schools reopen, students do not get the books. For instance, this year a book known as the "Crimson Reader" was prescribed for the First Form in English Schools. This book was not available even after a month after the schools were reopened. It would be well if the books are prescribed early enough in the year, sufficiently early before the schools reopen so that the printer and the publisher may be able to keep sufficient number of books for sale to the students.

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